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Niles man gets probation for Joey Armadillo's disturbance

By DEBRA HAIGHT
Leader Publications Contributor

NILES – Several area residents were sentenced Monday in Berrien County Trial Court at the Niles courthouse, including a Niles man who resisted police and caused damage outside Joey Armadillo's in Niles Township.

Daniel

Darren Daniel, 45, of Niles, pleaded guilty to resisting and obstructing police, breaking and entering-illegal entry and malicious destruction of personal property under $200 and was sentenced to two years probation, 20 days in jail with credit for five days served and $758 in fines and costs.

The incident occurred Aug. 10 at Joey Armadillo's in Niles Township. Daniel caused a disturbance at the bar and police were called. He tried to go back into the bar and then damaged at least one car in the parking lot before resisting police.

Berrien County Assistant Prosecutor Kate Arnold described Daniel as "completely out of control" with his behavior. She asked for probation in order to address Daniel's alcohol problem.

Defense attorney Daniel French said his client didn't set out to cause problems at the bar and agreed that Daniel needs to get a handle on his drinking. "I messed up," Daniel said.

"When they're locking the doors to bar your re-entrance, that shows you have a problem," Berrien County Trial Judge Jennifer Smith said.

Hall

An Illinois man who was a porch pirate in 2020 was sentenced to jail.

Anthony Hall, 31, of Markham, Ill., pleaded guilty to larceny in a building and was sentenced to 150 days in jail with credit for 98 days served. He must pay $198 in fines and costs and $244.95 in restitution. The jail sentence can be served in any penal institution.

The incident occurred between Dec. 14 and Dec. 18 in 2020 at locations in Buchanan.

Arnold said that Hall was stealing items off people's porches in 25 separate incidents. She said 11 people got their packages back.

French noted that Hall is also facing charges in Missouri.

"You have quite a record of stealing things all over the place," Judge Smith said. "You said you were trying to provide Christmas presents to your family, did you think that you were stealing from other families? You're a thief and steal to get what you want."

A Dowagiac woman who hit another woman with her car during a child custody transfer was sentenced to community service.

Megan Slabaugh, 24, of Dowagiac, pleaded guilty to reckless driving and was given credit for seven days already served and ordered to pay $505 in fines and costs and perform 100 hours of community service.

The incident occurred March 25

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TRUMP ELECTED 47TH PRESIDENT

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Donald Trump has been elected to return to the White House as the 47th United States president.
The vote was called for the Republican candidate by The Associated Press news agency early on Wednesday. A win in Wisconsin after earlier victories in Georgia, North Carolina and Pennsylvania saw the former president clear the threshold of the 270 Electoral College votes required to clinch the White House in Tuesday's election. As of Thursday afternoon, Trump has 295 EC votes compared to 226 for Democratic challenger Kamala Harris.

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Holiday fun

Santa, live reindeer to visit Niles Nov. 23

COMMUNITY REPORT

NILES — The Niles District Library and Niles History Center are teaming up to offer families a day of Holiday magic.

Santa will make his annual visit to the Niles District Library, located at 620 E. Main St., from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, November 23. The event is free and open to the public.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer will join Santa next door at the History Center. Doors open at 10 a.m. and the special guests will arrive with a police escort at 11 am. Visitors will meet live reindeer from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., courtesy of Reindeer Ranch in Kalamazoo.

Free tickets are required to meet Santa and are available through Friday, November

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A LEGACY RECOGNIZED

Junior Farm Bureau presents plaque to Berrien County Youth Fair Association

By DEBRA HAIGHT
Leader Publications Contributor

BERRIEN SPRINGS — When young people from farm families across Berrien County got together 70 and 80 years ago, they likely didn't realize the impact their Junior Farm Bureau group would have on their own lives, on the community and on future generations.

During their time in the organization, they undertook big projects such as raising money for the construction of the Youth Memorial Building at the Berrien County fairgrounds. They also learned more about agriculture, developed leadership skills, met their future spouses and made lifelong friendships.

Members began the Youth Memorial Building project in 1943 to honor those serving in the military and laid the cornerstone in 1953, completing it a year later. The mortgage burning for the $82,000 structure came in 1961 and the building was sold to the Berrien County Youth Fair Association in 1995.

That connection to the Berrien County Youth Fair Association was recognized one last time last week at the Fair Association's annual meeting. Junior Farm Bureau member Nancy Wuszke presented a plaque to the association detailing the history of the Junior Farm Bureau and the building of the Youth Memorial Building.

Prior to last week's Youth Fair Association meeting, the surviving Junior Farm Bureau members who are now in their 80s and 90s held one last reunion dinner in late September at Papa Vino's restaurant in St. Joseph. People had the chance to reminisce about earlier times when they'd gather for weekly square dances, fundraisers and conferences.

Junior South county residents who belonged to the Berrien County Junior Farm Bureau back in the 1940s and 1950s include Wuszke, Lois Foster, Helen Morlock, Robert Norris, Barb Radewald and Carol Sonnenberg.

Wuszke grew up on a farm on Range Line Road just south of Berrien Springs. For her, it was about both the social activities and the chance to learn leadership skills and how to run meetings. She credits the organization for giving her the chance to meet her future husband who was from Eau Claire.

Foster also met her future husband at Junior Farm Bureau meetings and they raised their family on a farm just north of Niles. "It was such a nice group of people, we had a lot in common with most of us working on our family farms," she said.

She noted that members learned about everything from parliamentary procedure to agricultural topics and found ways to have fun at weekly square dances, hayrides and other social events. They also got the chance to broaden their horizons as they traveled to state and national conferences and conventions every year.

Morlock grew up in Buchanan and worked at the Buchanan Co-Ops in high school. Although she didn't grow up on a farm, she went to the meetings on the urging of a friend. She said she learned a lot and also met her future husband who was from Coloma. Her favorite memories included going to dances and making new friends.

Norris grew up north of Niles and joined in the late 1940s, later meeting his future wife there. "All the rural kids my age were in it and I wanted to be part of it," he said. "When we decided to build the Youth Memorial Building, it gave us a purpose. We would grow crops on donated land and have chicken barbecue dinners to raise funds."

He was one of several alumni who used the knowledge and skills they learned to serve the community in local government and other local, county and state leadership roles. He served for decades on the Berrien Township Board and also received national and state agricultural honors.

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Front, from left: Helen Morlock, Carol Sonnenberg, Robert Norris, Lois Foster, Marie Grajauskis. In back, from left: Nancy Wuszke, Kathleen Walter, Millie Wendzel, Irma Krieger, Barb Radewald.

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Volleyball season ends for Dowagiac, Edwardsburg in district semi-final losses B1

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TIPS, QUIPS, AND BLIPS

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"So, I'm guessing the election wasn't rigged after all and the demonic democrats found the Lord on Tuesday."

"Ok, time to forget politics for the holiday season. I'm glad the election is over. Time to turn off the TV."

"Inflation today is nothing more than price gouging. There's the big fake."

"Neighbor kids raked my leaves for free and refused to take money. Thank you so much to the parents who raised your children to be so kind and helpful to a person who has grown old."

"Scott Novak will be missed so much. I really enjoyed his insights on sports and his commitment to telling the stories of local athletes. He was one of a kind. "

"When is Santa returning to the river in Niles?"

"Somehow I can't seem to escape road construction in the area. It's really taking its toll on my brakes and my sanity, or what's left of it."

"Peach on Earth"

"Help someone down on his luck this holiday season. It's bad enough he suffers the other ten months out of the year, but November and December are especially bad. $15 buys a coffee, sandwich and an hour in a restaurant. Help someone feel like they are back on their feet, at least for a short time."

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NILES TOWNSHIP MARIJUANA PROPOSAL PASSES

The City of Niles, Buchanan, Cassopolis, Dowagiac Edwardsburg, Berrien County and Cass County were among the 269 municipalities statewide that received payments from the marijuana Regulation Fund in March.

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP — Voters passed a proposal that will marijuana establishments to set up shop in Niles Charter Township limits.

The "Niles Charter Township Marijuana Establishments Ordinance" will repeal in part current law barring marijuana establishments from doing business in the township.

The bond proposal passed, with 3,002 "yes" votes and 2,757 "no" votes, according to unofficial results from the NCT clerk's office.

The ordinance allows for a minimum of four retail establishments in the township on 11th Street south of Fulkerson Road as well as one marihuana transporter and one safety compliance facility. However, the language does allow the Township Board to enact police power and zoning ordinances that set a maximum number of such establishments to be allowed within the Township.

Township officials voted unanimously in May 2019 to opt out of the recreational marijuana business. In 2022, Voters turned down a proposal that would have allowed marijuana establishments in Niles Charter Township limits.

The City of Niles, Buchanan, Cassopolis, Dowagiac Edwardsburg, Berrien County and Cass County were among the 269 municipalities statewide that received payments from the marijuana Regulation Fund in March. Each eligible municipality and county received more than $59,000 for every licensed retail store and microbusiness located within its jurisdiction.

For the 2023 state fiscal year, there was more than $290.3 million available for distribution from the Marihuana Regulation Fund.

The distribution breakdown for local municipalities and counties is as follows:

- Buchanan: Number of licenses – six; city distributions – $354,518.10
- Cassopolis: Licenses – two; village distributions – $118,172.70
- Dowagiac: Licenses – one; city distributions – 59,086.35
- Edwardsburg: Licenses – two; village distributions – $118,172.70
- City of Niles: Licenses – six; city distributions – $354,518.10
- Berrien County: Licenses – 19; county distributions – $1,122,640.65
- Cass County: Licenses – 7; county distributions – 413,604.45

Below is the official ordinance language approved by Niles Charter Township:

Section 1 – Title

The title of this ordinance shall be the "The Niles Charter Township Marihhuana Establishments Ordinance."

Section 2 – Repeal

This ordinance repeals in part the "The Niles Charter Township Prohibition of Marihuana Establishments Ordinance," No. 79. Sections I-IV, 5-20-2019, prohibiting marijuana establishments within Niles Charter Township.

Section 3 – Definitions

333.a) "MRTMA" means the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of marijuana Act, 2018 IL 1, MCL 333.27951 et seq., hereinafter "MRTMA."

334.b) All of the definitions provided in the MRTMA are incorporated by reference into this ordinance, except as otherwise provided in this ordinance.

335.c) The term "marijuana" is synonymous with marihuana."

336.d) The term Michigan Cannabis Regulatory Agency is synonymous with the term Michigan Marijuana Regulatory Agency, or any successor agency, and is hereinafter referred to as "CRA or the "Agency."

Section 4 – Number of Establishments Allowed

The number of marijuana establishments allowed within the Charter Township of Niles is as follows:

1. Marijuana retailer as defined in MRTMA. A minimum of 4 marijuana retail establishments allowed within the Township. The Niles Charter Township Board may at any time enact related police power and zoning ordinances that set a maximum number of such establishments to be allowed within the Township. Marijuana retailers shall be located on a real property parcel having a minimum of 150 feet of road frontage on 11thh Street south of Fulkerson Road in Niles Charter Township.

2. Marijuana secure transporter as defined in MRTMA. A minimum of 1 marijuana secure transporter establishment is allowed within the Township. The Township Board may at any time enact related police power and zoning ordinances that set a maximum number of such establishments to be allowed within the Township.

3. Marijuana safety compliance facility as defined in MRTMA. A minimum of 1 marijuana safety compliance facility is allowed within the Township. The Township Board may at any time enact related police power and zoning ordinances that set a maximum number of such establishments to be allowed within the Township.

Section 5 – Police Power and Zoning Ordinances

The Niles Charter Township Board may at any time elect to enact related police power and zoning regulations that are not unreasonably impracticable and which do not conflict with the MRTMA or any rule promulgated pursuant to the MRTMA. The Niles Charter Township Board of Trustees may further establish regulations, such as administrative measures; application forms; license, permit, and renewal criteria specifically enabling applicants to promptly obtain and renew marijuana establishment licenses and permits as the The Niles Charter Township Board of Trustees shall deem appropriate, and if such regulations are in place, they may provide that no manjuana establishment shall operate without a Township license or permit.

Section 6 – Authority to Operate in the Absence of Police Power and Zoning regulations

If the Township does not enact related police power and zoning ordinances or regulations, and until such ordinances are enacted, to provide for the number of marijuana establishments to operate within Niles Charter Township, any person that otherwise meets the criteria for a license under MRTMA to operate a manjuana establishment allowed under this Ordinance at the proposed location shall be deemed authorized to operate such establishment in Niles Charter Township in accordance with and pursuant to MRTMA and the CRA rules and regulations. Such operation is lawful without any Township permit or license whatsoever and may continue unless and until the Township Board deems It appropriate to enact related licensing, police power ordinances, and zoning regulations and issues appropriate local permits or licenses to the licensee.

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Niles parks millage fails

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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NILES — City of Niles residents turned down a proposal that would have supported the improvement and enhancement of parks, trails and recreation activities across the city, including the possible addition of a spray pad.

The "City of Niles Park and Maintenance Millage" ballot proposal would have assisted with expenses associated with improving park picnic shelters, play structures, trails and the possible addition of a spray pad feature in Riverfront Park.

The bond proposal failed, with 2,269 "no" votes and 2,122 "yes" votes, according to unofficial results from enhancedvoting.com.

City of Niles Park Maintenance Millage

Shall the City of Niles impose a new millage and thus an increase of up to 1.5 mills ($1.50 per $1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 31 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for four (4) years, 2024 through 2027 inclusive, to provide funding for city-wide park construction and maintenance, including but not limited to, trail maintenance, equipment replacement, construction of a spray pad, and associated maintenance, which 1.5 mills increase will raise an estimated $406,807.37 in 2024 of which a portion will be disbursed to the Main Street Downtown Development Authority, and such other local units of government determined appropriate or required.

Local school board election results

STAFF REPORT

Listed below are the unofficial election results from Berrien and Cass county for schools within Leader Publications' coverage area.

Brandywine Community Schools

With three seats open on the Brandywine Community Schools Board of Education, current board members Jessica Crouch (2,222) and Holly Pomranka (1,843) were re-elected and Shannon Daniels (1,560) was elected as well. Also running were Ryan Candler (1,002) and Jeremy Colby (930).

Buchanan Community Schools

With two seats open on the Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education, current BCS secretary Kelly Bates-Laesch (3,430) has been re-elected to the board and Jacob Brown (3,146) was elected as well.

Cassopolis Public Schools

With three seats open on the Cassopolis Public Schools Board of Education, Vice President Amanda Smego (2,068) and Aaron Steensma (1,769) were re-elected to the board and Joshua Stoops was elected as well. Also running were Della Bundle (1,201) and Joseph Lenex (868).

Dowagiac Union Schools

With 2,562 votes, Dominique Hood-Charles was elected to the DUS Board of Education, taking the seat held by outgoing member Carrie Freeman.

Edwardsburg Public Schools

With three seats open on the Edwardsburg Public Schools Board of Education, Tammy Niemier (3,015) and Tony Overmyer(2,732) were re-elected to the board and Nick Yoder (2,514) was elected to the board. Also running were Alan Miller (1,803) and Arin Johnson (1,760).

Berrien County local election results

STAFF REPORT

BERRIEN COUNTY — Listed below are the unofficial election results from Berrien County's contested 2024 General election races, local to Leader Publications' coverage areas.

School board elections, along with state-wide and national races, will be posted separately.

County Prosecuting Attorney:
Amy Byrd, 47,889
Trevor Maveal 33,445

County Sheriff
Chuck Heit, 50,648
Al DiBrito, 17, 128

County Clerk
Stacy Loar-Porter, 45,866
Jessica Jackson, 34,223

County Commissioner 12th District
Sharon Tyler, 2,902
Jessica Gomez. 2,334

Baroda Township Supervisor
Dennis Krotzer, 1,187
Kenneth Pinkowski, 296

Galien Township Supervisor
Tim Richter 482
Gerald Mast 321

Judge of District Court 5th District
Sherri Cochran Frame, 30,350
Albert Mais, 23,580

Lake Michigan College Board Member
Joan Smith, 40,885
Mark Weber, 39,172

Niles City Council Ward 1
Georgia Boggs, 387
Jamie Bennett, 330

Niles City Council Ward 2
Sheila Koebel, 652
Josiah Bliss, 344

Niles City Council Ward 3
Charlie McAfee, 398
Kenneth Thompson, 335

Niles City Council Ward 4
Jessica Nelson, 731
Joel Rogers, 463

Buchanan City Commissioner (two open seats)
Patrick M. Swem, 921
Larry C. Money, 684
Angela P. Lowery, 558
Lorilie Holmes, 468
Tony Houser, 425

Incumbent Republicans sweep Michigan House, Slotkin wins Senate

STAFF REPORT

MICHIGAN — Though ballots are still being counted in the state of Michigan and beyond, the following house and senate races have been called.

In the Michigan Senate race, Elissa Slotkin, Democrat, took the win with 2,704,757 votes. Republican challenger Mike Rogers trailed with 2,684,739 votes and Joseph Solis-Mullen, Libertarian, finished with 56,700 votes. Douglas Marsh, Green, had 54,936 votes and Dave Stein, U.S. Taxpayers, had 18,820 votes.

"As your senator, my primary job will be to expand the middle class by creating jobs with dignity, attacking the costs that are eating through the biggest bites out of people's budgets and creating a tax policy that lets Michiganders keep more of what they earn," Slotkin told media Wednesday.

Tim Walberg, a Republican, defeated Libbi Urban, a Democrat, and Jim Bronke, from the U.S. Green Party, to claim the U.S. House of Representative District 5 seat. Walberg finished with 268,777 votes. Urban was his closest challenger with 133,936 votes.

"For the past term, I have visited and listened to the concerns of every community of this district from Lake Michigan to Lake Erie," Walberg said in a statement. "I've understood the challenges that inflation, open borders, and a sputtering economy have caused and provided solutions to those issues in Congress. I worked with colleagues to deliver results to rein in wasteful spending, passed the strongest border security bill in history out of the House, and worked to cut red tape that has burdened job creators and restricted economic growth. I also led the effort to block the electric vehicle mandate, protect the voice of parents, and improve rural broadband efforts. For many constituents, this was my first term representing them, and tonight's results proved their satisfaction with my results.

"Many constituents are familiar with my record, but for the western portion of the district, this was the first term I represented them. While I'm proud to have earned such an overwhelming victory, I'm eager to get back to work so we can forge a brighter future."

Republican Steve Carra defeated Democrat Erin Schultes 19,204 to 9,053 in the race for State Representative for the 36th District.

Incumbent Republican Brad Paquette defeated Democrat Angela Jones 24,915 to 13,855 in the race for State Representative for the 37th District.

> "Many constituents are familiar with my record, but for the western portion of the district, this was the first term I represented them."
> — Tim Walberg

Wings Etc. Locations Offering Free Entrée on Veterans Day to Honor Military Service

COMMUNITY REPORT

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — Monday, Nov. 11, Wings Etc. Grill & Pub will offer a free entrée, valued up to $13.99, to all active-duty personnel and veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces in honor of Veterans Day, as a token of appreciation for their sacrifice and service.

"Our commitment is to acknowledge and pay tribute to the service members who have dedicated so much to our nation," said Wings Etc. CEO Rob Hensmann. "We hold profound appreciation for their sacrifices and take pride in honoring our veterans year-round and especially on Veterans Day."

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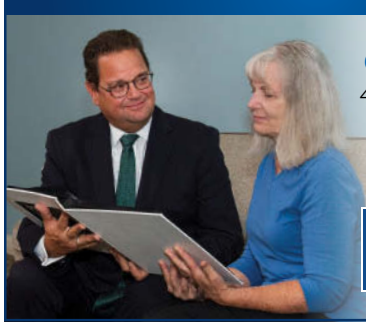
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EPA Begins Review of U.S. Aviex Superfund Site Superfund Site
Niles, Michigan

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is conducting a five-year review of the U.S. Aviex site at the 1056 Huntly Road in Niles, Michigan. The Superfund law requires regular checkups of sites that have been cleaned-up -with waste managed on-site – to make sure the cleanup continues to protect people and the environment. This is the sixth five-year review for this site.

EPA's cleanup included removing contaminated soil, and installing extraction wells to pump out and treat contaminated ground water before discharging it to the surface water. As site conditions changed, EPA modified the remedy in 2004 to treat groundwater contaminated in place and continually monitor the contaminant levels. This remedy also required residents on private wells upgradient of the site to treat their groundwater. Affected residents located within or downgradient of the contaminated groundwater have been connected to the Niles Municipal Water supply. Land use restrictions also prohibit the use of site groundwater to prevent exposure.

More information is available at the Niles District Library, 620 E. Main St., Niles, MI and at **https://www.epa.gov/superfund/us-aviex**. The review should be completed by March 2025.

The five-year review is an opportunity for you to tell EPA about site conditions and any concerns you have. Contact:

Cheryl Allen
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Opinion

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fred Upton out of step with Cass County values

It's a betrayal of trust when those we elect fail to champion our core values. Jerry Duck, who has faithfully served Ontwa Township as a trustee for 24 years, reflects the frustration many of us feel in Cass County. "I didn't always agree with Upton," Duck shares, "but I voted to keep unity." Now, even in retirement, Fred Upton's recent endorsement of Vice President Kamala Harris—rather than standing with the conservative values championed by President Trump—speaks volumes about his priorities.

Cass County deserves representatives who won't waver—leaders who stand resolutely for conservative principles and put the needs of their community first.

Sincerely,
Jerry Duck
Ontwa Township

Embracing Small Business Saturday: why shopping local matters for our communities

By ANDI MCCLINTIC
Assistant director of Lending Services with the Center for Rural Affairs

As November begins, so does the busiest shopping season of the year. We're familiar with Black Friday and Cyber Monday, but let's not overlook Small Business Saturday—a day dedicated to supporting the businesses that keep our communities vibrant and unique. On this day, shop small and make an impact close to home by supporting the shops, services, and makers in our own backyards.

Rural and local businesses face unique pressures. They compete not only with the convenience of online shopping but also with the often lower prices offered by big-box stores. While saving a few dollars might be tempting, supporting local businesses offers value that goes beyond the bottom line. Local shops offer jobs, character, and a sense of shared community; and each of us has a role to play in keeping our local economies thriving.

When we spend locally, we keep more money circulating within our community. Dollars spent at a local business are reinvested in other local businesses, services, and wages, creating a positive cycle of economic growth. This keeps our towns and neighborhoods financially resilient and can contribute to community improvements and local projects.

When we think of local businesses, we might envision the shops lining Main Street, but small businesses come in all forms. Many local entrepreneurs run online or home-based businesses, selling unique, handcrafted, or custom items through their websites or social media platforms. Following and engaging with these businesses on social media is a great way to stay connected and discover the variety of products they offer.

This Small Business Saturday, let's show up for the businesses that make our towns feel like home. Support local businesses not just for the unique products and services they offer, but for the positive impact they have on our neighborhoods, our economy, and our sense of community.

Established in 1973, the Center for Rural Affairs is a private, nonprofit organization working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities through action oriented programs addressing social, economic, and environmental issues.

NEWS

PET OF THE WEEK

Meet **Rosalee**, a dog with Berrien County Animal Control. While she has had a rough life, volunteers said that Rosalee's sweet smile and zest for living are contagious. She is good with kids, OK with cats and good with respectful dogs. Rosalee walks very well on leash, doesn't pull, is a gentle and very affectionate girl. Spayed, housetrained, current shots. Contact Berrien County Animal Control at (269) 927-5648.

LEGACY

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Radewald met her late husband through Junior Farm Bureau and they raised their family just north of Niles. She said they enjoyed everything about Junior Farm Bureau, from getting the chance to dress up at special events such as dressing up in formal wear at state conventions to getting the chance to do something for others.

"It was such a dedicated group of young people," she said. "All of us thought it would be good to do something for the community besides the square dancing and polkas. I've always been amazed at how young people in their 20s had the knowledge and foresight to want to have a place where people in the county would have a place to gather.

Sonnenberg also grew up in Buchanan and met her future husband who was from Watervliet. She said what she learned-about farming, how to run a meeting, how to fundraise and how to dance-have stayed with her throughout her life. "It gave farm kids something to do besides farming, it was wonderful," she said.

While the Berrien County Junior Farm Bureau organization has long since been replaced by other entities serving young people such as Berrien County Young Farmers and even the Berrien County Junior Fair Board, the goals have remained to give youth opportunities and teach leadership skills.

Berrien County Youth Fair manager Karen Klug comes from the Junior Farm Bureau legacy as her parents met and married through the organization and she's helped start the Junior Fair Board in recent years. Both she and Berrien County Farm Bureau manager Jennie Koebel said young people still love to get together and learn skills they will use for the rest of their lives whether it's the Junior Fair Board or the Young Farmers.

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22. Tickets will not be available the day of the event. You only need one ticket per group or family; please pick up your ticket at the Niles District Library's Youth Services Desk.

Santa isn't the only one bringing a little holiday magic and cheer. Visitors are encouraged to check out John Dudley's Merry Magic Show, taking place at both 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the Storytime Room at NDL. Visitors can enjoy the magic of the season with a fun scavenger hunt, a take-home craft, or stop by the Friends of the Library Book Sale cart and find a great gift for anyone on your list.

The Fort St. Joseph Museum and Historic Chapin Mansion will be all dressed up for the holidays, decorated by community groups in the theme for the year, Sweet Holiday Memories. Take a photo with Rudolph who will be visiting his reindeer friends.

Admission to Holiday Magic is free, sponsored by the Friends of Niles District Library and Niles History Center. A gift membership to the Friends is perfect for the Niles lover on your list.

For more information, please contact Niles District Library by calling 269-683-8545, or visiting us online at www.nileslibrary.com. Niles District Library is located at 620 E. Main Street. Readers can contact Niles History Center via phone at (269) 845-4054, or visit the website, www.nileshistorycenter.org. The Niles History Center is located at 508 E. Main Street, Niles, MI.

NILES

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in Niles.

The victim spoke before the sentencing and said she suffered permanent injuries and suffers from post traumatic stress disorder from the incident.

Defense attorney Carri Briseno said that it was a time of "high emotion" and both her client and the victim showed poor judgment. Slabaugh said she was scared when the victim approached the car with a bat in her hand.

"You should have been much more careful," the judge said. "It's time to grow up and think about how you could have avoided hitting her. You need to take a long hard look at how you want your child to grow up and at your past assaultive record."

A Niles man who sold drugs to undercover officers was sentenced to tether.

Ernsperger

Brian Ernsperger, 62, of Niles, pleaded guilty to delivery of narcotics and use of controlled substances and was sentenced to 60 days in jail with credit for two days served and $708 in fines and costs. The jail term can be served on tether due to Ernsperger's health problems.

The incidents occurred May 20, 22 and 28 in Niles Township.

Defense attorney Tat Parish said the narcotics were prescribed for his wife and Ernsperger was selling excess pills.

Judge Smith said that Ernsperger had also admitted to police that he used and had access to meth. "It's concerning any time someone is selling drugs," she said.

A Berrien Springs woman who resisted police and returned to a home where she wasn't welcome was sentenced to jail.

Theodora Cumming, 57, of Berrien Springs and originally from Romania, pleaded guilty to resisting and obstructing police and was sentenced to 30 days in jail with credit for eight days served and $258 in fines and costs.

Cumming

The incident occurred May 3 in Berrien Springs. Cumming resisted police trying to arrest her and bit an officer after being found outside a home where she had been ordered not to go.

Judge Smith said Cumming's behavior went way beyond what is acceptable. "You still continued to fight, you bit an officer and another officer was hurt," she said. "You wouldn't come out of your cell in jail to be arraigned."

Crockett

"Hopefully this one encounter will make a big enough impression to not go where you're told not to, not fight with police and not obstruct the court," she added.

Four people were sentenced on firearm related charges.

Gilbert

Daelan Crockett, 26, of South Bend, pleaded guilty to attempted carrying a concealed weapon and was sentenced to eight days in jail with credit for two days served and $258 in fines and costsThe incident occurred Aug. 11 in Niles.

Hadrich

Danaveon Gilbert, 22, of Niles, pleaded guilty to possession of a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle and was sentenced to eight days in jail with credit for two days served and $258 in fines and costs. The incident occurred July 8 in Niles.

Kent Hadrich, 41, of Buchanan, pleaded guilty to attempted carrying a concealed weapon and was sentenced to eight days in jail with credit for two days served and $258 in fines and costs. The incident occurred Aug. 13 in Galien Township.

Steven Zamer, Jr., 26, of Buchanan, pleaded guilty to possession of a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle and was sentenced to one year probation and $658 in fines and costs'. The incident occurred June 30 in Buchanan.

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COMICS & PUZZLES

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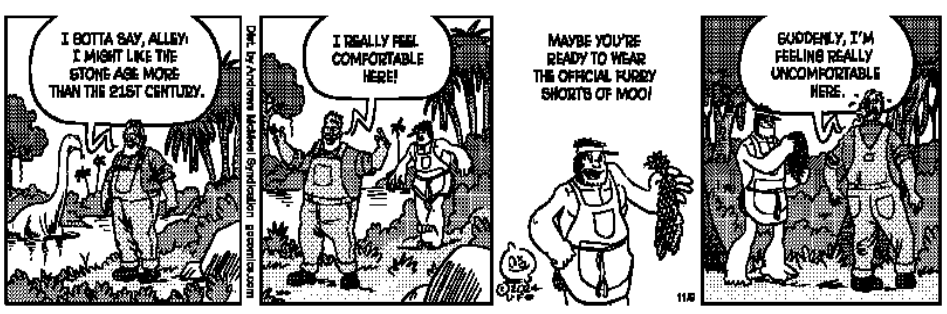
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ARLO & JANIS

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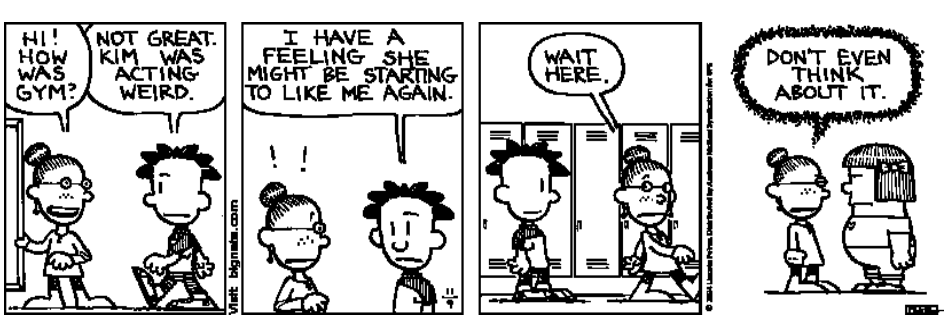
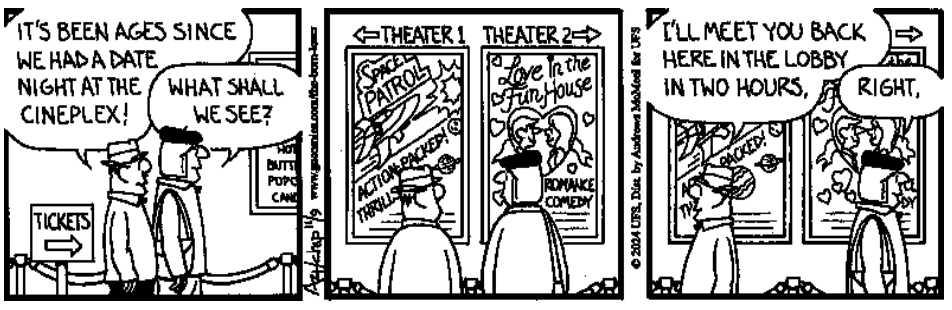

HI! HOW WAS GYM?
NOT GREAT. KIM WAS ACTING WEIRD.
I HAVE A FEELING SHE MIGHT BE STARTING TO LIKE ME AGAIN.
WAIT HERE.
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT.

BORN LOSER


IT'S BEEN AGES SINCE WE HAD A DATE NIGHT AT THE CINEPLEX!
WHAT SHALL WE SEE?
TICKETS
THEATER 1
THEATER 2
I'LL MEET YOU BACK HERE IN THE LOBBY IN TWO HOURS.
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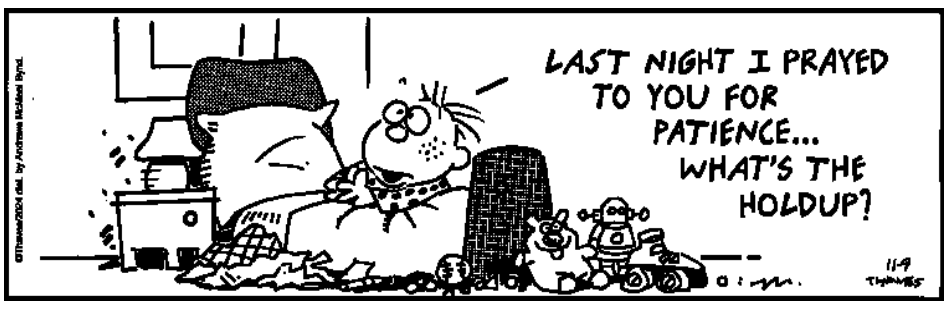
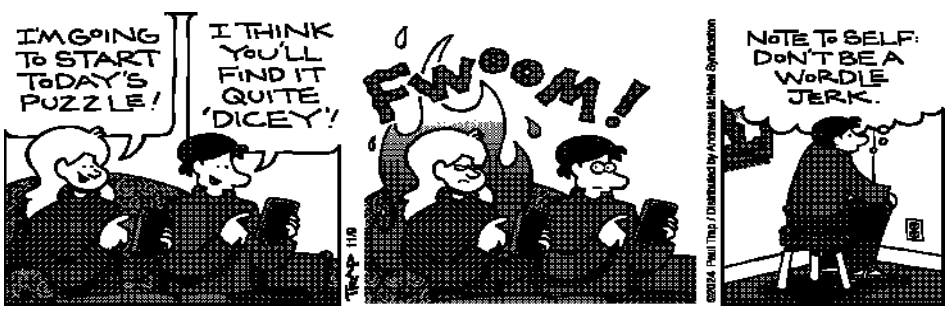
FRANK & ERNEST



GRIZZWELLS

PAPA, WILL YOU COME AND SPEAK TO MY CLASS ON CAREER DAY?
OF COURSE, SWEETIE
THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU
YOU'RE WELCOME
SHALL I BRING MY OWN ROADKILL?

THATABABY



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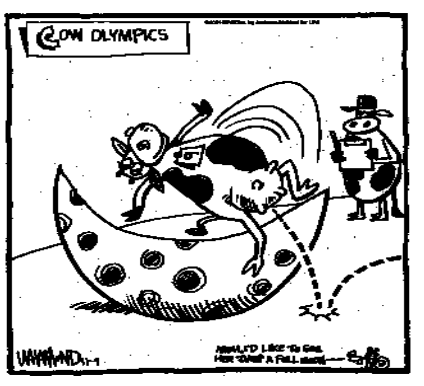

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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12 Self-importance
13 Footnote abbr.
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15 Light metal
16 "Death on the —"
17 Use a blue pencil
18 Pointed arch
20 Birds of prey
22 Shade tree
23 — Vegas
24 Lost
28 Mountains
32 Parts of plays
33 Required payment
35 Italian article
36 Golf peg
37 Baste
38 Ragout
39 Make sense (2 wds.)
42 Fuzzy fruits
44 Liquor from sugar cane
46 "Norma —"
47 Rough at the edges
50 Actress — Hathaway
52 Innocent one
53 Branch
55 Vat
57 Kiln
58 Ellipse
59 Nest egg letters
60 Wheal
61 Hawaiian goose
62 Small part in a big machine

DOWN

1 Collection
2 Exchange premium
3 Overcrowded
4 Movie house
5 — -Wan Kenobi
6 Distance measure
7 "Let's Make — —"
8 Words in a threat
9 Impolite
10 Egyptian goddess
11 Acquire
19 Annexes
21 Opening
24 — Hari
25 Frosted
26 "No —, ands or buts"
27 Profound
29 Genuine
30 Place for a patch
31 Adages
34 Ovine animal
38 Look over
40 Pressing
41 Small dog
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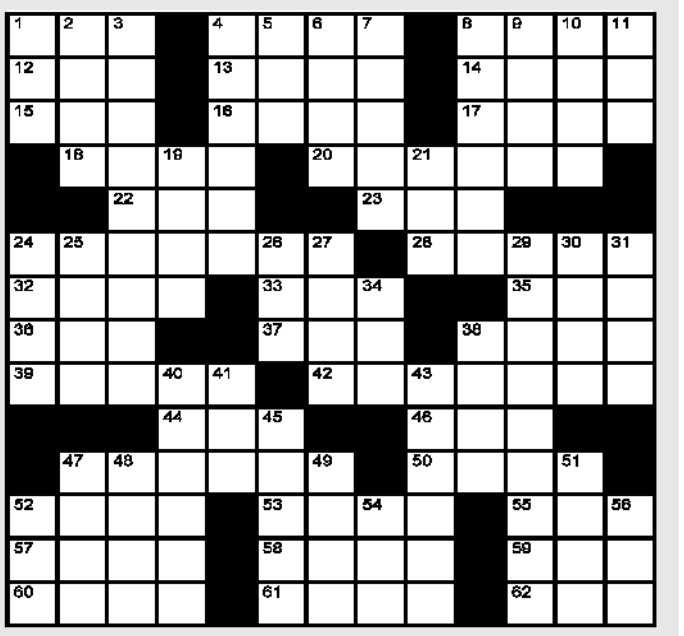

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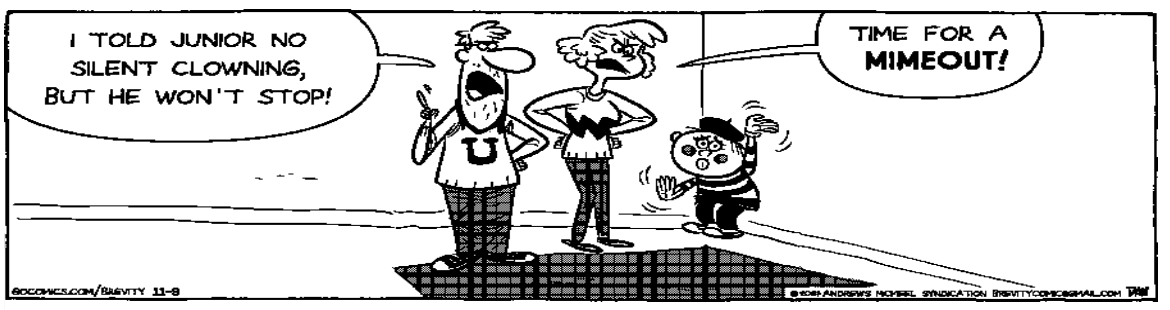

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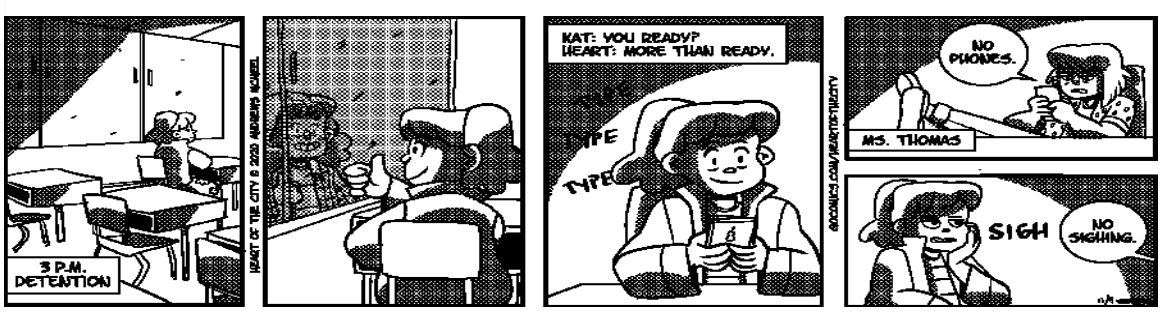

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DEATH NOTICES

Shirley Grooms, 83, of Niles passed away on Friday, November 1, 2024 at Riverridge Manor in Niles. Arrangements have been entrusted to Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Barbara Kubisiak, 88, passed away on Friday, November 1, 2024 at The Chalet of Niles. Arrangements are pending with and have been entrusted to Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Pauline Kennedy, 94 of Niles, passed November 2, 2024. Funeral Thursday at 1pm, visitation Wednesday 6-8pm all at Coulter's Chapel Church of God, Niles. Arrangements by Brown Funeral Home. www.BrownFuneralHomeNiles.com

OBITUARIES

James Jesse

February 24, 1944 - November 3, 2024

James Kenneth Jesse, 80, of Buchanan, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Sunday morning, November 3, 2024.

Jim was born on February 24, 1944, to James Glen and Pauline (VanEvery) Jesse in Niles, Michigan. He graduated from Buchanan High School in 1962. Jim continued his education through Michigan State University, earning his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1966, and Master of Business Administration in 1967. He then attended the University of Notre Dame, graduating with a Juris Doctorate in 1970. On his birthday, February 24, 1971, Jim hired the woman destined to be his bride, Jeanette Russell. They were married on September 18, 1971.

Jim founded the Jesse Law Office in Buchanan on January 2, 1971, and practiced law in the same location for more than 53 years. Throughout his career as an attorney, he routinely served those most in need. Jim was a longtime supporter of public education, especially the students and teachers of Buchanan. He worked with various court personnel to establish the "Michigan District Court to Buchanan High School" program in which students were able to observe actual court proceedings. In 2021, Jim was inducted into the Buchanan Community Schools Hall of Fame in recognition of his service.

Jim also generously supported local youth sports, including Buchanan Floor Hockey, Buchanan Little League Baseball, and Optimist Soccer. His efforts contributed to numerous projects, including the development of soccer fields at the middle school and a new scoring table for the high school.

Service to the community was a central part of Jim's life, as demonstrated through both his professional work and his extensive volunteer efforts, but one of his greatest labors of love was the annual Christmas light display at his home. Over more than four decades it grew to an impressive 115,000 lights. Although Jim occasionally considered ending it, the joy it brought to the community gave him the impetus to continue. Driving north of town to see "The Jesse Christmas House" remains a cherished annual tradition for many families to this day.

Jim is survived by his wife of 53 years, Jeanette Jesse; daughter, Susan (Brian) Foster; sons, James "Jay" (Kathryn) Jesse and Sean Jesse; and grandchildren, Faith, Lune and Lauren Foster and James and Josephine Jesse. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Jack Jesse.

Visitation will be held from 2-4 pm on Sunday, November 10, and 5-7 pm on Monday, November 11, at Swem Chapel, 301 W. Front St., Buchanan. A celebration of life service will take place at 1 pm on Tuesday, November 12 at Swem Chapel. Memorial contributions in Jim's name may be made to Buchanan Community Schools. Those wishing to send a condolence online may do so at www.swemchapel.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Swem Chapel, Buchanan.

June Stanton

June 14, 1931 - November 1, 2024

June O. Stanton, 93, formerly of Dowagiac, passed away early Friday morning, November 1, 2024, at Cass County Medical Care Facility in Cassopolis, MI.

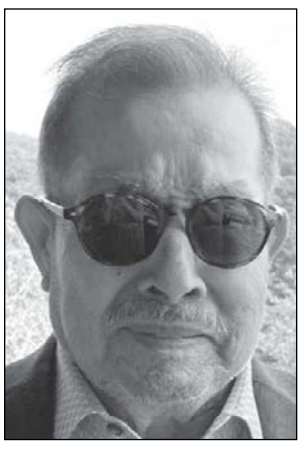
She was born on June 14, 1931, in Decatur, MI to Floyd and Eva Smith. She graduated from Hartford High school and met her loving husband Harry at the Soda Fountain in town. They were married December 31, 1949, in Dowagiac and spent 37 years making memories, children, and joy together.

June was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She was an amazing baker, and her grandchildren always requested her cakes and rolls for birthdays and holidays. June rarely met a cookie that she did not like, as long as it was accompanied by a cup of coffee and good conversation. She also enjoyed gardening and could bring the deadest of plants back to life. June went to work later in life and retired after fifteen years from KFC in Niles. She attended church regularly, sang in the choir, and delighted in teaching Sunday School to the children.

Surviving are two children - Marlene Deming and Gregory Stanton; four grandchildren - Lori Deming-Moore (Brock), John Deming (Shilohe), Kim Morin (Pete), Timothy Stanton (Jynelle); and eight great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband - Harry Stanton; parents - Floyd and Eva (French) Smith; parents-in-law - Russell and Florence Stanton; son-in-law - Terry Deming; daughter-in-law - Kathy Stanton, and two brothers - Maurice and John Smith.

Friends may visit with June's family from 4:00-6:00 PM on Sunday, Nov 10, 2024, at Clark Chapel - Starks Family Funeral Homes, 405 Center St, Dowagiac. Private family interment will be in Mission Hills Memory Gardens, Niles. Memorial contributions in June's name may be directed to Cass County Medical Care Facility. Please visit June's personalized webpage to share a memory or leave condolences to her family at www.clarkch.com.



Guadalupe A. Castaneda, Sr.

December 12, 1949 - October 28, 2024

Guadalupe A. Castaneda, Sr., 76, of Niles, died peacefully Monday, October 28, 2024, in the comfort of his family's presence.

His life began December 12, 1949, in Harlingen, Texas, the second of four children born to Roberto and Louisa Castaneda. He married Irma Saldana March 8,1967 in Mercedes, Texas.

Guadalupe and Irma's parents lived in Texas and were migrant workers who traveled together throughout the United States. Guadalupe and Irma met as young children, grew to be friends, eventually married in 1967, and started their family. The family continued to travel as migrants, but in 1980, Guadalupe made the brave decision to settle their family in Dowagiac, Michigan. His goal for his children was to break the historic chain of migration. The first few years were quite a struggle as their children began to attend school as Spanish speaking only.

Guadalupe, Irma, along with their children worked for Dwan's Fruit Farm where they became "like family" to the late Edwin Dwan and his wife Elizabeth. The Castaneda Family will be forever grateful for the kindness and loving support given to them.

When Guadalupe settled in Dowagiac, he was Spanish speaking, with limited English, and a 6th grade education. His goal was to learn the English language which took three years to accomplish.

Once he enhanced his English skills, he began working on his next goal of graduating high school. After three years of hard work Guadalupe obtained his high school diploma, graduating from Dowagiac Union High School class of 1993.

Guadalupe instilled the importance of hard work, education, and to never be satisfied, striving for more. He worked in various occupations including Texas Citrus Black Fly, Farming, Landscaping, Sister Lakes Migrant Program teaching math, and Country Manor Assistant Living for the disabled.

Guadalupe will be greatly missed by family and friends. He is survived by his wife of fifty-seven years, Irma Castaneda of Niles; daughter, Aida Castaneda of Dowagiac; sons, Guadalupe (Kamoka) Castaneda, Jr. of Dowagiac, Jimmy Castaneda of Terre Haute, Indiana; nine grandchildren, Christina Castaneda of Benton Harbor, Matthew Klees of Michigan, Joshua (Brandy) Taggart of Indian Lake, Nathan Klees of Kalamazoo, Tyler Collins of Chicago, Illinois, Katie (Darren) Pond of Battle Creek, Marissa (Nick) Allen of Dowagiac, Makaela Castaneda of Dowagiac, Caleigh Castaneda; thirteen great grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

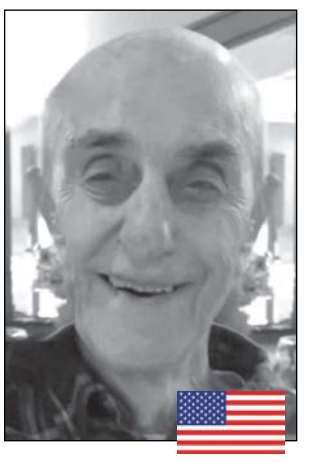
He was preceded in death by his parents; granddaughter, Sierra Klees; great granddaughter, Ahnnaliyah Klees; and his brothers, Luis Castaneda, infant brother, Freddy Castaneda.

Family and friends will gathered Tuesday, November 5, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. until time of service at 11:00 a.m. in Halbritter Wickens Funeral Services, 615 East Main Street, Niles, with The Reverend Father Christian Johnston officiating.

Mr. Castaneda was laid to rest in Mission Hills Memorial Gardens.

The family prefers contributions in memory of Guadalupe be made to Halbritter Wickens Funeral Services, 615 East Main Street, Niles, Michigan 49120, to assist the family in defraying expenses.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Halbritter Wickens Funeral Services, Niles. Please share a memory or a message online: halbritterwickens.com.



John Yelape

September 19, 1932 - October 29,2024

John Yelape of Niles, Michigan passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 29, 2024, at the age of 92 years. He was born on September 19, 1932 in Niles to John and Rosa (Pirolo) Yelape, and graduated in 1950 from Niles High School. He was member of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Niles.

Following graduation, John entered the United States Air Force where he served in both Iceland and Germany. He worked for the railroad upon his return from active duty, and eventually retired from Conrail. John continued to live in Niles for his entire life where he was an avid golfer, card player, a member of the Elks for many years, and enjoyed trips to the casino. He also played billiards at the Elks, winning several tournaments.

Surviving family includes his nephews, Dennis (Jan) and Steve (Bernadette), as well as his great nieces, Caroline and Jenna Wade, and Erin and Lauren Wade, who were his favorite. John also had the following siblings who passed away: Veto, Francis, Elizabeth, Chec, Nancy, Carmella, and Lena.

Per John's request, a Memorial Mass will be celebrated at Saint Mary's Church at a future date. The Catholic Burial Rite will be read at Calvary Cemetery, and will conclude with the Veteran's Flag Presentation

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CROSSWORD ANSWER
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OBITUARIES

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and "Taps".

Arrangements are in progress at the Halbritter-Wickens Funeral Home, 615 East Main Street in Niles. Contributions in memory of John may be made to Saint Mary Catholic Church, 219 South State Street, Niles, Michigan, 49120; https://stmarysniles.org/. Online condolences may be left atJohn Yelape of Niles, Michigan passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 29, 2024, at the age of 92 years. He was born on September 19, 1932 in Niles to John and Rosa (Pirolo) Yelape, and graduated in 1950 from Niles High School. He was member of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Niles.

Following graduation, John entered the United States Air Force where he served in both Iceland and Germany. He worked for the railroad upon his return from active duty, and eventually retired from Conrail. John continued to live in Niles for his entire life where he was an avid golfer, card player, a member of the Elks for many years, and enjoyed trips to the casino. He also played billiards at the Elks, winning several tournaments.

Surviving family includes his nephews, Dennis (Jan) and Steve (Bernadette), as well as his great nieces, Caroline and Jenna Wade, and Erin and Lauren Wade, who were his favorite. John also had the following siblings who passed away: Veto, Francis, Elizabeth, Chec, Nancy, Carmella, and Lena.

Per John's request, a Memorial Mass will be celebrated at Saint Mary's Church at a future date. The Catholic Burial Rite will be read at Calvary Cemetery, and will conclude with the Veteran's Flag Presentation and "Taps".

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Lawanda May

March 4, 1948 - October 14, 2024

Lawanda May, 76, of Cassopolis, died peacefully in her residence Monday October 14, 2024.

Her life began March 4, 1948 in Detroit, Michigan, the second of two children born to Delorse Gigger and Charles Williams.

Lawanda worked for the State of Michigan for many years in various departments, retiring in 1993. She enjoyed her music, especially singing and listening to gospel and R and B. Her favorite channel was BET - shows like "Martin" - and Court TV - shows like "Divorce Court" and "Paternity Court" and could be found watching her favorites for hours. She felt comfortable in her kitchen and enjoyed cooking and eating. She had fun playing the lottery - with some success - and going for a night out at the casino. Most of all she loved family, especially being with her great-grandchildren and going to their high school games.

Lawanda will be greatly missed by family and friends. She is survived by one daughter, Yolanda Gigger of Cassopolis; one son, Lorenzo M. (Crystal) Hart of Detroit; one step-son, Travis May of Detroit; nine grandchildren, Jermaine (Assata) Hart, Markeisha Shauntae Stovall, Lorenzo Mark Stovall, Anthony Young, Verneil (Tiara Suttles) Gigger Stephenson, Zacharia Gigger, Jerod Gigger, Kenneth (Amanda) Carson, Love Majesti' Hart; twenty-two great grandchildren; one great great granddaughter, Kaelani Hart; a special nephew, Emir Gigger.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Kenneth May; her brother, Leroy Gigger; and her grandmother, Alice Gigger.

Lawanda was laid to rest beside her beloved husband, Kenneth May, in Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, Cassopolis. Please share a memory or a message online: wagnercares.com.

Richard R Hebron

November 17, 1964 - November 3, 2024

Richard Randolph Hebron, 59, of Vandalia, died peacefully Sunday evening,

November 3, 2024 in the comfort of his family's presence after a brief illness, just two weeks shy of his sixtieth birthday.

His life began November 17, 1964 in South Bend, Indiana, the oldest of three children born to Tony and Carol Hebron. He married Annette Kay Maciejewski September 2, 1989 in St. Hyacinth Catholic Church in Bay City, Michigan.

Richard had been a furniture maker and was currently a farmer, providing all natural products in Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois.

Richard will be greatly missed by family and friends. He is survived by his wife of thirty-five years, Annette Hebron; one daughter, Olivia (Zachary) Belin of Cassopolis; one son, Gideon (Stacie Hershberger-Hebron) Hebron of Vandalia; two grandchildren, Gracie Lynn Hebron, Colton Lee Hebron; his father, Tony Hebron of Cassopolis; one sister, Carol Ann "Callie" (Dean) Covey of Cassopolis, one brother, Christopher (Michelle) Hebron of South Bend, Indiana; two nieces, Kyra Hebron, Jeorgia Hebron; and two nephews, Jackson Hebron and Cyrus Hebron.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Carol Ann Hebron.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate Richard's life on a date and at a time to be announced.

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Jack Amundsen

Jack Harry Amundsen died peacefully at his home in assisted living in Vero Beach Florida on November 4, 2024, at the age of 90. Jack was an amazing, thoughtful, intelligent man who had a rich and rewarding life. In his life, he was many things – an Air Force pilot, physics teacher, author, instrument-rated pilot, flying instructor, construction worker, private detective, taxi driver, nurse, hotel manager, farmer, tennis player, water skier, father, grandfather, and husband. He was a wonderful and supportive father to his children. He was also a wonderful grandfather, helping his grandsons learn tennis, math, and physics.

Jack was born in Dowagiac Michigan, to Lydia & Harry Amundsen, and went to Dowagiac High School. One of his good friends growing up in Michigan was Max Allen. They played a lot of tennis together and were the force of the Dowagiac high school tennis team.

In 1952, he started at University of Miami and played tennis for them; after a year he moved to the University of Michigan. He went into the Air Force before completing school – his two years there had a big impact on his life, and he often told fascinating stories of training and flying as an Air Force pilot.

Jack came back to University of Michigan and got his Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy. He met Ann Urschel in a psychology course at U of M, and they married. After several years of work at Wayne State, teaching, and having a daughter, Ruth, they decided to travel Europe for a year and a half, staying in Spain for a year. After they came back from Europe they lived in Ann Arbor, and he taught at Highland Park Community College. In 1970 Jack and Ann divorced. He went back to University of Michigan and got his master's degree at U of M in Philosophy.

After that he started teaching at Washtenaw Community College (WCC), where he worked for 20 years. Overall, Jack dedicated much of his life to teaching – the largest part of his life, about 30 years, was devoted to teaching college physics, among other subjects, at Washtenaw Community College, Wayne State, Oakland, and Highland Park. That has been his biggest impact on the world – getting students over an entire generation to think more deeply about physics, relativity, and philosophy.

While in Ann Arbor Jack was well known in the tennis community and won the tennis tournament for the over-40's division when he was 51. Tennis was always a big part of his life.

He met and married Lauren Tracey, and they had a son Ryan in 1978. They lived in a house in Ann Arbor. Jack and Lauren managed a hotel together in Florida for several seasons. Lauren and Jack divorced when Ryan was still young.

While in Ann Arbor, he started dating Lois Work. In 1993 he retired from WCC and soon after that he moved to the Bay Tree community in Vero Beach Florida, with Lois. They lived there together for nearly 30 years, and had many happy times together, going on trips and out to events. In 2022 Jack moved to assisted living in Vero Beach, due to health issues.

Jack is survived by his daughter Ruth, son Ryan, grandsons Christopher, Patrick, and Brian, and long time companion Lois Work. The family is grieving privately at home; there will not be a formal service. A collection of photos from Jack's life can be seen here: https://tinyurl.com/JackAObit.

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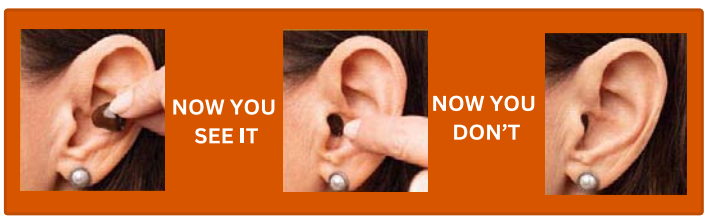

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FOOTBALL

Niles routs Paw Paw 42-14 in D4 playoff opener

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NILES — The Niles football team faced off against Paw Paw in a high-stakes showdown for the second straight week Friday, Nov. 1 and just like the previous week, the Vikings emerged victorious.

The No. 9-ranked Niles football team wore down No. 6 Paw Paw to earn a 42-14 win in the first round of the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 4 football playoffs Friday night.

Sam Rucker had eight carries for 115 yards and three touchdown runs and Peyton Gordon totaled seven carries for 113 yards and one touchdown while Paul Hess tallied 20 carries for 62 yards and two touchdowns. On defense, Hess led the team in tackles with eight and Brenden Olsen and Alex Anderson each grabbed an interception.

The Vikings outgained Paw Paw 289-181 in total yards. Niles was able to bottle up the Red Wolves' rushing attack. Ben Miller had 20 carries for 60 yards and PJ DeYoung had 16 carries for 48 yards. Quarterback Gunnar Goodell completed 6 of 12 passes for 53 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions.

The game was a rematch of last week's regular season finale in which the Vikings earned a 21-0 win to clinch their second straight Wolverine Conference championship.

"It is hard (to play a team in consecutive weeks) but you also learn a lot from last week," said Niles Head Coach Scot Shaw. "We knew what we didn't do well last week and I wanted to improve on that this week and part of that was getting outside and making them run and tiring them out. I think that plan was successful – I think they got tired and they

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VOLLEYBALL

CHIEFTAINS, EDDIES BOW OUT

Volleyball season ends for Dowagiac, Edwardsburg in district semi-final losses

By SCOTT HASSINGER
Leader Publications Contributor

THREE RIVERS — The girls' volleyball season ended in the Division 2 semifinals Wednesday after losses by both Edwardsburg and Dowagiac over in Three Rivers.

Dowagiac fell to Vicksburg in the first match 20-25, 18-25, 22-25 before Edwardsburg's season ended with a 17-25, 25-17, 23-25, 22-25 setback to Three Rivers.

Three Rivers advances to face Vicksburg in Thursday's championship match at 6 p.m.

Edwardsburg came into Thursday's match hoping to avenge an earlier 3-1 loss to Three Rivers during the Wolverine Conference season.

Three Rivers' experience paid off, however, against Edwardsburg, a squad featuring just three seniors and dominated by talented underclassmen, including six sophomores and four juniors.

The Eddies led the Wildcats four times early on in the opening game. Khaylin Homan's tip gave Edwardsburg its last lead of the game at 5-4. But Three Rivers battled back and led by as many as seven points (16-9) after a Bekah Beachey kill. The closest the Eddies would come the rest of the game was three points (15-18) following a Sarah Pippin kill. Three Rivers ended the game after scoring a point off an unforced error by Edwardsburg.

Game two saw neither side leading by more than a point or two until the Eddies eventually built a five-point advantage (22-17) after a tip by junior middle blocker Mya Eberlein. A Pippin kill on game point heled the Eddies even the match score at 1-1.

Edwardsburg found itself trailing Three Rivers 18-14 in the third game after a kill from junior outside hitter Dani Glass. But the Eddies would rally to take a 20-19 lead on back-to-back aces by Pippin. A tip by sophomore Kyla Shier helped Edwardsburg even the game up at 23-23. But Allie Yost's kill for the Wildcats and an Eddies unforced error ended the game and put the hosts in front 2-1.

Edwardsburg led Three Rivers by four points (14-10) during the fourth game. The Eddies enjoyed a late 20-18 lead after another Pippin kill. The game would be tied on three more occations before Three Rivers recorded thre consecutive

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TOP: Khyalin Homan (8) from Edwardsburg leaps up to block a tip by Miley Southland (13) from Three Rivers.
ABOVE: Tessa Deering gets into position to make a dig against Vicksburg on Wednesday.

WRESTLING

Andrina Named MCCAA Wrestler of the Week

COMMUNITY REPORT

CORBIN, Ky. — The Patriot Open in Corbin, Kentucky, is a large annual wrestling event hosted by the University of the Cumberlands.

The 2024 edition had almost 30 teams from NAIA and other universities throughout the Midwest, and the SMC Roadrunners made themselves known.

SMC had four placers at the Patriot: Santana Ramon was Champion in the 125 weight class, Colby Klinger placed 3rd in 149, Dayveon Rupert took second in 157 and sophomore Nathan Andrina was Champion in 184.

Andrina's performance was good enough to earn him MCCAA Wrestler of the Week, an honor that covers the entire state of Michigan (and Marian Ancilla in Indiana).

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VOLLEYBALL

Rangers fall to Watervliet in five-set thriller

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CASSOPOLIS — The Cassopolis volleyball team fell in a five set thriller to Watervliet in Division 3 district semifinal play at Cassopolis Wednesday night.

The Rangers lost the first set 25-14 before rebounding to take the second set 25-10. The third set was a back-and-forth affair that saw the Panthers pull away to take it 25-21. The fourth set was also close throughout with the Rangers making enough plays to win 25-20 and force a fifth set.

"We kind of came out a little bit like we knew we were going to win. I think that's what hurt us a little bit," said Cassopolis coach Kaisha Martin. "I think that we were cold and then we had to warm up and unfortunately in volleyball, you can't start from the bottom and try to work yourself up. I think that's what hurt us."

Trailing 5-10 in the fifth and final set, the Rangers dug deep and reeled off a 5-1 scoring run to trim the deficit to

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FOOTBALL

Eddies control clock, use big plays to derail Beavers 29-8

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ABOVE: Cale Myers (44) from Edwardsburg tackles Battle Creek Harper Creek tailback Teegan Turnball (3).
BELOW: Joe Lundgren (3) from Edwardsburg brings down Harper Creek quarterback Jesus Macedo (12).

EDWARDSBURG — The Edwardsburg football team ended the regular season in winning fashion Friday, Oct. 25.

The Eddies ran over and around visiting Sturgis to win 62-0 on Senior Night. Edwardsburg led 55-0 at halftime.

"We did what we had to do," said Edwardsburg coach Dan Purlee. "It was Senior Night tonight, it was good night. We're looking forward to getting into the postseason next week."

The Trojans were unable to slow down the Eddies' Wing-T offense. Edwardsburg scored nine times on plays of 47, 45, 41, 25, 24, 10, 8, 2 and 1 yard. Cameron Hayden, Grady Ostrander, Carson Cebra, Tyrus Yoder, Grant Griffin, Austin Schimings, Marco Montanari and George Purlee found the end zone for the Eddies, who totaled 373 yards of offense.

Edwardsburg finishes the season with a 6-3 record. Purlee said last season's 5-5 finish has served as motivation throughout the season for his seniors. On the last play of the game, senior quarterback Zeke Pegura, whose season ended due to an injury early in the season, entered the game to take a knee in victory formation.

"This is a great senior group," Purlee said. "They've put in a ton of work all year long, a very committed group. They've been huge for us – they're the heart and soul of this team and we want to keep playing."

The announcement of the qualifiers and first-round pairings for both the 11 and 8-player playoffs will take place at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27, on the "Selection Sunday Show" on FanDuel Sports Network and its website. The playoff qualifiers and pairings will be posted to the MHSAA Website following the Selection Sunday Show, and times and dates will be added Monday, Oct. 28.

The MHSAA Football Playoffs conclude with the 8-Player Finals on Nov. 23 at Northern Michigan University's Superior Dome and 11-Player Finals to be played Nov. 29-30 at Ford Field.

Purlee looks forward to the beginning of the "second season" for the Eddies.

"I feel like we're getting healthier and we expect to play either Niles or Paw Paw," Purlee said. "Our guys are excited for the opportunity."

The Eddies faced Battle Creek Harper Creek Friday night in the opening round of Division 4 district play. Leaderpub.com will be updated with a recap of the game.

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VOLLEYBALL

Brandywine falls to Bridgman in district opener

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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CASSOPOLIS — The Bidgman volleyball team defeated Brandywine in Division 3 district play at Cassopolis High School Monday night.

The Bees swept the young Bobcats 25-22, 25-22, 25-19. Brandywine finishes the season with a 4-26-2 record.

"I was really proud of them," said Brandywine coach Jim Ragosta. "It's been a long season. We're in a total rebuild. We've had a lot of ups, we've had some downs and what we said at the very beginning is we just want to be able to sprint to the end and hopefully see what happens and that's kind of what we did tonight. At the end of our season, we're playing some better volleyball. Bridgman's a very experienced team so I thought we played them well. We had our opportunities – we had to capitalize on a couple things and that's just how it goes."

Macy Pellow had eight digs, Adelyn Drotoz seven kills, 12 assists, three digs and an assisted block, Adeline Gill five kills and one assisted block, Mackenna Price six kills and eight digs, Kaegan VanSandt three assists, five digs and two aces, Layla Covington four kills and one ace, Addison Anglin 17 digs and one ace and Bradie Linley had two blocks.

While the Bobcats lose Drotoz and Gill to graduation, everyone else will be back next season.

"I lose (Drotoz and Gill) but the whole core group stays," Ragosta said. "I'm really proud of them and the better teams we played, the better we played. That didn't always translate into a win but they're a really hard working group, so I'm thankful for that."

Ragosta has been impressed with Drotoz's leadership amidst this season. Drotoz is the team's lone senior this year.

"She just meant a lot," Ragosta said. I always felt that she was a very calming effect for the team. She was the one person that had that experience and when we got flustered, she's always very helpful. he was everything. It didn't always translate into a win, but the growth of this team, she was a big gay part of that. Just having her leadership on the court, someone that has experienced this level of play, and that's what it's about after kids."

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Ragosta said the team will also miss Gill, who was a bright spot on the team despite not playing volleyball since eighth grade.

"She came in a little late, I wish we would have gotten her in June. Iit would have been that much better because she just picked it up and who knows what could have happened," he said. "We have a good incoming so things are good. It's a little tough right now but you have to start somewhere. It's good."

Bridgman advances to face Coloma at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Cassopolis. The winner of that game will face the Watervliet-Cassopolis winner at 6 p.m. Friday at Cassopolis.

FOOTBALL

Buchanan falls to Olivet 49-15 in D6 playoff opener

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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OLIVET — The Buchanan football team found tough sledding against host Olivet in its Division 6 pre-district matchup.

The Eagles defeated the Bucks 49-15 Friday, Nov. 1, scoring the game's first 49 points. A 31-yard Leland Payne touchdown run and an 18-yard Ryan Hickok fumble return touchdown in the fourth quarter rounded out scoring for the Bucks. The Eagles outgained Buchanan 334-184 in total yards.

Quarterback Jake Franklin completed 13 of 30 passes for 104 yards and two interceptions and Payne had five carries for 60 yards and one touchdown. Brody Reed had six catches for 48 yards and Tyler Baker and Hickok led the defense with eight tackles apiece.

The Bucks finish the season with a 6-4 record.

CROSS COUNTRY

Buchanan's McBeth all-state at cross country state finals

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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BROOKLYN — The Buchanan boys and girls cross country teams finished 13th and 18at the Michigan High School Athletic Association Cross Country Finals at Michigan International Speedway on Saturday.

Traverse City St. Francis was the boys' team champion with 86 points, while Saugatuck was second with 177 and Ithaca third with 180. The Bucks finished with 346 points.

Onsted's Mitchell Hiatt took first place with a time of 15:15.5. Buchanan was led by Liam McBeth, who placed 30th overall to earn all-state honors with a time of 16:15.6.

The Bucks' scored 416 points in the girl's race, which Goodrich won with 134 points. Pewamo-Westphalia was second with 150 points.

Ava Schafer of St. John's was the individual state champion as she ran a time of 17:20.7. Madeline Young led Buchanan with a time of 19:34.9, which was good for 38th place.

DIVISION 2

Edwardsburg's George Scupham finished (16:07.8) and Dowagiac's Owen Saylor (16:27.6.) placed 42nd and 69th respectively as the area's only two qualifiers.

STATE FINALS

At Michigan International Speedway

BOYS
DIVISION 2

Top 3 teams: 1. Allendale 78; 2. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Eastern 180; 3. East Grand Rapids 200.

Winner: T.J. Hansen (Freeland) 14:50.5.

Area finishers: 42. George Scupham (Edwardsburg) 16:07.8; 69. Owen Saylor (Dowagiac) 16:27.6.

DIVISION 3

Top 3 teams: 1. Traverse City St. Francis 86; 2. Saugatuck 177; 3. Ithaca 180.

Area team: 13. Buchanan 346.

Winner: Mitchell Hiatt (Onsted) 15:15.5.

Area finishers: 30. Liam McBeth (Buchanan) 16:15.6; 59. John Keser (Buchanan) 16:55.6; 112. Coy Weinberg (Buchanan) 17:13.0; 122. Jacob Kuntz (Buchanan) 17:17.3; 135. Jack Sherwood (Buchanan) 17:24.0; 238. Ari Johnson (Buchanan) 18:47.6; 239. Bodie Bryans (Buchanan) 18:47.7.

GIRLS
DIVISION 2

Top 3 teams: 1. Goodrich 134; Zeeland East 150; 3. Holland Christian 160.

Individual winner: Ava Schafer (St. John's) 17:20.7.

DIVISION 3

Top 3 teams: 1. Lansing Catholic 136; 2. Pewamo-Westphalia 147; 3. Central Montcalm 157.

Area team: 18. Buchanan 416.

Individual winner: Kyah Hoffman (Central Montcalm) 17:31.6.

Area finishers: 38. Madeline Young (Buchanan) 19:34.9; 102. Avery Mollberg (Buchanan) 20:49.6; 134. Alaina Nagel (Buchanan) 21:16.9; 138. Alison Murray (Brandywine) 21:17.9; 163. Isabelle Overmyer (Buchanan) 21:42.8; 181. Miley Young (Brandywine) 21:59.5; 202. Adyson Baker (Buchanan) 22:20.6; 217. Hana Yamagata (Buchanan) 22:48.0; 241. Saleen Brennan (Buchanan) 23:59.4.

FOOTBALL

Faison Earns Nomination for Burlsworth Trophy

COMMUNITY REPORT

SOUTH BEND — Sophomore wide receiver Jordan Faison has been nominated for the Burlsworth Trophy, an award which is given to the most outstanding football player in the nation who began his career as a walk-on.

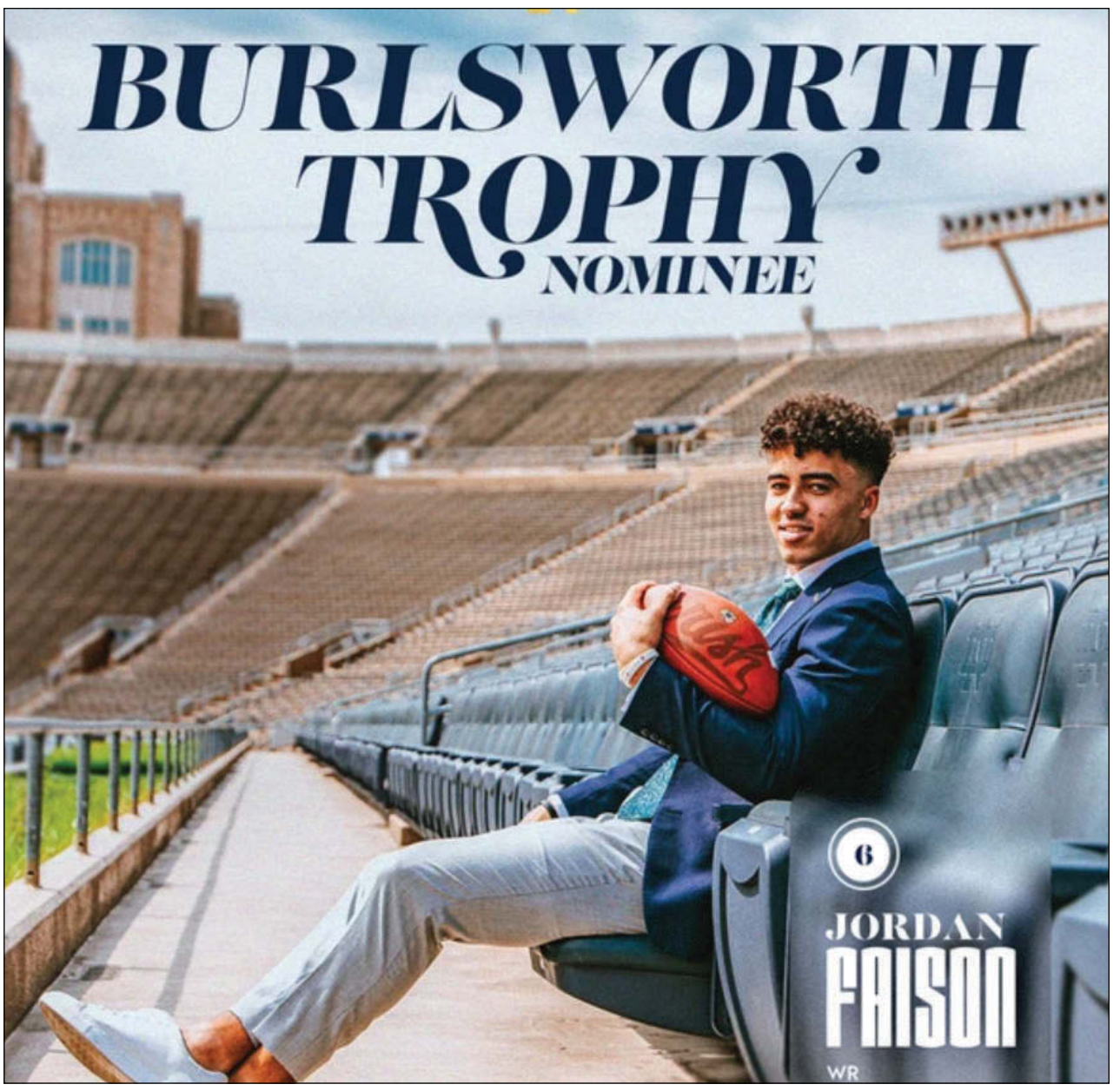
Faison joined the Notre Dame football team during 2023 preseason camp as a walk-on player, planning to compete for a roster spot with the team and, as one of the top prep lacrosse players in the nation, join the defending national champion Notre Dame lacrosse team as a scholarship player in the spring of 2024.

Faison made his collegiate athletics debut in 2023 at No. 25 Louisville, catching two passes for 48 yards – which included a 36-yard touchdown grab. Faison's debut was just the beginning. He would end the season with 19 catches for 322 yards and four touchdowns, capping the year by earning Sun Bowl MVP honors with five catches for 115 yards and a touchdown.

So far in 2024, Faison has totaled eight receptions for 81 yards through five games (two starts). He was named the Burlsworth Trophy Walk-On of the Week for his performance vs. Louisville, a game in which he started at wide receiver, made two catches and had a key punch-away on an errant snap on a punt formation in the first quarter, which led to the third touchdown of the quarter by the Irish one play later.

He also led Irish receivers in the 51-14 win over No. 24 Navy with four receptions for 52 yards, including 25 yards-after-catch. In addition, he saw action on special teams, returning a kickoff 16 yards, the only Notre Dame kickoff return of the day.

Faison competed with the men's lacrosse team and won a national championship this past season.



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points after the score was tied at 22-22. Edwardsburg's Eberlein was long on a kill attempt before Three Rivers' Yost recorded an ace and the Eddies were called by running into the net on game and match point.

Pippin had 22 kills, 11 digs, one block and three aces to lead Edwardsburg's attack. Ella Laskowski finished with nine kills, four digs, one block and one ace. Eberlein totaled six kills and 11 blocks. Setter Olive Walk produced six kills, three digs, two aces and 36 assists. Freshman Arden Sponsky added eight digs and two aces and Sophie Kuntz tossed in 11 digs and one ace.

"We are a young team compared to Three Rivers. They have nine or 10 upperclassmen. We are an athletic group and I thought that would get us there this season. It's just those tight moments that you need to experience before you can develop a culture where you win those kinds of matches," Edwardsburg coach Sarah Strefling said. "Our kids didn't roll over and really competed. Three Rivers is a very tough place to play."

The match was the final one for Edwardsburg's three seniors Mia Graziani, Ella Armock and Alivia Kuntz.

"It was tough for our seniors. They have been dedicated and put alot of time and effort into it. All three have tried to be vocal. They were surrounded this season by a lot of youngsters," Strefling said.

Edwardsburg's coach smiled when asked about the program's future with several players returning next season.

"I do think we had moments of greatness this season playing a very difficult schedule. We played alot of Class A schools and ranked schools and I did that for a reason. We never walked away from a match thinking we got dominated by the other team," Strefling said.

Dowagiac (17-26-1) overcame a six-point deficit in the first game and eventually pulled within two points (18-20) following an ace by Tessa Deering. But the Lady Chieftains could inch no closer as Vicksburg got consecutive kills from Addison Naplin, Scarlett Hosner and Hailey Havera to end the game.

Except for a couple times early in the second game where the score was tied, Dowagiac never led and found themselves behind 15-8 following a kill by Vicksburg's Brynn Swetz. The Bulldogs closed out the game with strong serving from Lena Lancaster for a 2-0 lead.

Dowagiac enjoyed a 19-17 lead over Vicksburg in game three but gave uo key kills near the end of the game to the Bulldogs' Naplin and Swetz.

"We came into this match concentrating on confidence and roll shots and working on our back row. Our libero got quite a few kills tonight and is a good option. With only two seniors we are looking to win conference next season and build to get through districts," Dowagiac coach Amber Todd said.

Hanah McCuddy had 11 assists, four digs, three aces and one kill; Riley Todd had three kills, two blocks, two digs and one ace; Marlie Carpenter had six kills, three blocks and one dig; Tessa Deering had eight digs, three kills, three aces and one ace; Ava Nate had two kills, two digs and one block; Zabrina Shivers had seven digs, four kills and one ace; Brianna Campbell had three kills and three digs; Emerson Kruger had four digs and two aces; Claire Hess had six digs and six assists; Brenna Mott had five digs, Emily Henry one dig and Tatiyana Lara one assist.

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couldn't catch us."

The Vikings were looking to continue the momentum into Friday's game, with Paul Hess (7 yards) and Sam Rucker (14 yards) touchdown runs giving the home team an early 14-0 lead over the Red Wolves. But Paw Paw was able to put together a touchdown drive capped by a 4-yard pass from quarterback Gunnar Goodell to Barron Marinich to make it a 14-7 game at halftime.

The Vikings emerged from halftime looking to re-establish themselves on both sides of the line of scrimmage. With Paw Paw driving and looking for a score, an Olsen interception on defense led to a 39-yard Peyton Gordon touchdown to put the Vikings up for good. A 4-yard Paul Hess touchdown had Niles taking a 28-7 lead into the fourth quarter.

"He's a great athlete," Shaw said of Olsen. "He does things at six seven that you wouldn't expect a kid that tall to do. He's got a good nose for the ball and uh, uh, you know, his reactions are very good and he's a smart guy."

In the final frame of the game, the Vikings turned to Sam Rucker, whose 48 and 1-yard touchdown runs put Niles up 42-7. Paw Paw's Goodell found Landon Buhl for a 9-yard touchdown pass late in the fourth quarter for the game's final points.

"It's a great win," Shaw said. "We played a little bit better offensively and defensively as well, but they're a good team and we're moving on. That's all that matters."

The Vikings suffered a blow when lineman Riley Cowan left the game late with a leg injury but not before firing up his teammates and the home crowd.

"He was having a great game," "It's just unfortunate that he gets hurt at the end of a game like that. Hopefully he's okay. With his recovery and his safety and who knows? Stranger things have happened. I don't think you'll see him next week but if we get by next week we might have him again. We'll see when he gets back from the X-rays."

FALL

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one before the Panthers scored the set's final four points to win the game.

"We were as scrappy as can be," Martin said. "We got to some balls and the whole crowd was wondering how we got to them. I have to shout my whole team out because they all exceeded my expectations."

Mackenzie Boyer had seven kills, three aces and two digs; Janayla Franklin seven kills, three blocks one ace and one dig; Tori Burks 27 assists, eight kills, five digs, one ace and one block; Brooklyn four kills, three blocks and one ace; Ryley Bowsher had 17 digs, four assists; Jordin Heiman had 10 kills, two digs and six aces.

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While the season did not end the way they had hoped, Martin was proud of the team's scrappiness and its ability to play as a team.

"We are the underdogs," Martin said. "One thing I loved is that it wasn't just one person who was good – we have everybody that's good. A lot of teams don't expect that – they think it's just one person and we have a lot of killers out there so I think that's what was most exciting. It was very exciting to see that the team we just played didn't know who was gonna be our top dog because everybody was."

Cassopolis will miss the contributions from seniors Boyer, Franklin, Maliyah Flowers, Adrianna Broussard and Danica Heath but Martin is optimistic about the team's future.

"We still have a very strong team coming up," Martin said. "I'm excited."

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To: The residents and property owners of Milton Township, Cass County Michigan and any other interested parties.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Planning Commission of Milton Township, Cass County Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing during its regular meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, commencing at 7:00 p.m., at the Milton Township Hall, 32097 Bertrand Street, Niles, MI 49120.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE the Planning Commission is considering a proposed update to Milton Township Master Plan. Copies of the proposed Master Plan update are available for public viewing during regular business hours at the Milton Township Hall or on the township website, www.Miltontwpmi.gov.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that written comments will be taken from any interested persons concerning the foregoing proposed update, at the Milton Township Hall, at the address set forth above, and will further be received by the Planning Commission at the time of said hearing.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all persons interested in the foregoing are invited to be present at the aforesaid Public Hearing time and place to participate in the discussion. More information can be obtained by calling Milton Township at 269-591-7982. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services, and wish to attend the hearing, should contact the office of the Township Clerk, by writing or calling the Clerk, at least five (5) days prior to the hearing to ensure needed accommodations.
Eileen Glick, Zoning Administrator (Submitted on behalf of)
Milton Township Planning Commission

Niles Daily Star:
Nov. 9, 2024
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PUBLIC NOTICE

ONTWA TOWNSHIP
CASS COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please take notice that the Ontwa Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 7:00 pm., at the Ontwa Township Hall located at 26225 US 12, Edwardsburg, MI 49112, to consider a variance request.
The request is summarized as follows:
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Copies of the Township proposed variance request, the zoning ordinance, and the zoning map are available for public viewing during regular business hours at the Township Hall, 26225 US 12, Edwardsburg, MI 49112, or on the Township website: www.ontwatwp.org.
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To: The residents and property owners of Milton Township, Cass County Michigan and any other interested parties.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Milton Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing during its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., at the Milton Township Hall, 32097 Bertrand Street, Niles, MI 49120, for the purpose of considering a rezoning of parcel 14-070-013-017-01 located at 70524 Conrad Rd, Niles, MI, pursuant to Chapter 18, Section 18.06 (b) of the Milton Township Zoning Ordinance.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the items to be considered at said Public Hearing and Meeting location include, in brief, the following: The consideration, and taking of, Public Comments reference a rezoning application submitted by Travis & Kristin Perkins, to rezone their parcel from the Agricultural District to the Rural Residential District.
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Milton Township Planning Commission

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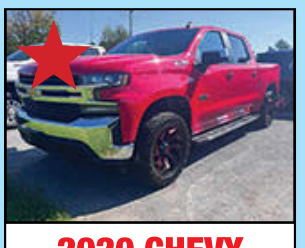

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